



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

September 19, 2003

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 19-Sep-03 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	87.00	82.50	79.50	87.00	84.15
Last week	87.00	82.50	79.50	85.50	83.71

Selected Cities Large - 19-Sep-03: New York 93-97 Chicago 85-90 California 114

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 15-Sep-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	115.3	282.0	141.5	179.5	186.9	905.2	260.1	1165.3
% change PW	-1	2	-4	-7	-9	-4	-11	-5

Breaking Stock 19-Sep-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	69-71	65-69 M 67-68
Checks & Undergrades	54-60 M 54	52-61 M 53-57

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 13-Sep-03.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,299,926	30,260	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,507
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,131,404	28,250	10,113	5,230	2,435	3,893
LAST YEAR	1,291,183	30,177	12,318	6,861	3,040	4,702
% CHANGE PWK	15	7	23	21	3	16
% CHANGE LY	1	0	1	-7	-18	-4
TO-DATE 2003	42,818,581	1,040,377	392,049	213,961	87,678	154,613
TO-DATE 2002	44,492,218	1,034,429	429,666	230,987	106,156	158,345
% CHANGE YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.20 Previous Week: 41.97 Last Year: 41.87

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Current Week: 37.74 Previous Week: 38.53 Last Year: 38.23

National Liquid Eggs - 19-Sep-03 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	24	62-64	62.73	.18
WHITES	15	47-50.5	49.57	2.60
YOLKS	9	85-88	86.72	-.78

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 88 to 90 cents fob, mostly 90 cents with pasteurized whites reported at 54 to 55 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 19-Sep-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot			Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern		Central	Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	74-79	M 74-75	74-76	M 75	81-85	80-83
Blends ³	TOO FEW	TO REPORT			93-105	-
Whites	55-59	M 57-59	57-60	M 57-59	62-69	62-65
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	99-105	M 99-102	101-105	M 102	106-115	106-109
Salted	96-101	M 96-99	96-100	M 99-100	102-108	103-106

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 19-Sep-03 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.75-3.05	2.80-2.95
YOLKS	2.19-2.60	2.20-2.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.49-4.95	4.60-4.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.15	2.00-2.05

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 13-Sep-03

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,121	This week	61	This week	1,182
Last week	980	Last week	103	Last week	1,083
Last year	1,622	Last year	410	Last year	2,032
To Date 2003	55,274	To Date 2003	8,631	To Date 2003	63,905
To Date 2002	64,668	To Date 2002	11,553	To Date 2002	76,221

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Sep-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	257	0	23	280
Last year /1	560	0	0	560
To date 2003	11,435	96	393	11,924
To date 2002	13,475	21	543	14,039

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Sep-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	105	76	40	221
Last year /1	66	88	127	281
To date 2003	4,124	2,243	944	7,311
To date 2002	4,634	2,511	3,671	10,816

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Sep-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	360	2,350	240	7,140	780	10,870
Last year /1	0	1,730	2,478	510	8,210	0	12,928
To date 2003	290	19,137	75,575	44,213	92,516	13,062	244,793
To date 2002	1,224	24,560	97,721	35,935	204,835	12,912	377,187

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS**DATE: Sept. 17, 2003**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 744,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 19,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$574,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 8	No. of Bids Accepted
30-pound containers		OFFERS REJECTED	
5-pound cartons	360,000	\$0.7877-\$0.8599	2 of 2
bulk tankers	384,000	\$0.7249-\$0.7269	2 of 2

Next offers under Announcement PY-268 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
9	5-pound cartons, 30-pound containers, and bulk tankers	Oct. 6	Oct. 10	Nov. 16-31

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 12 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound containers	40,000	\$ 27,000
5-pound cartons	4,482,000	\$2,984,000
bulk tankers	5,280,000	\$3,088,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-268, Invitation 8, to be delivered from Nov. 1 to Nov. 15, follow:

5-pound Cartons

Crystal Lake Egg Products	240,120 @ \$0.7877-0.8402
Sonstegard Foods Company	120,060 @ \$0.7997-0.8599

Bulk Tankers

Golden Oval Eggs	240,000 @ \$0.7249-0.7269
Sonstegard Foods Company	144,000 @ \$0.7252

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

USDA REJECTS: ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX; PROGRAM SUSPENDED**DATE: Sept. 17, 2003**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that offers for all purpose egg mix for domestic food nutrition assistance programs were rejected due to price considerations.

It was also announced that the purchase program for all purpose egg mix is suspended due to market conditions. However, please retain all documents pertaining to Announcement PY-277 for future purchases.

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